

prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Therefore, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, the stent structure of A3, consisting of robust plastic and a polymeric formulation in dependent claim 4, as species A and the enhancing radiological material of B2, lyophilized iodinated contrast in dependent claim 10, as species B.

Action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested. Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3536. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address identified below.

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